

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert A. Luciano, *et al.* **Examiner:** Omar Flores Sanchez
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PRESENTER SYSTEM **Customer No.** 66880

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed May 21, 2007, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 23-25 and 27-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 22, 23, 26, 28, and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rutherford (U.S. Patent No. 5,505,551) in view of Horniak *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,833,104). Claims 30-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rutherford in view of Horniak *et al.* Claims 24, 25, and 27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 23, 24, and 27-30 have been amended. Claims 1-22, 26, and 31-34 have been canceled. No new claims have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objected to and rejected claims, and contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.